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Applicants: Mondragon-Parra et al. )  
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Title: CROSS-STRAIGHT GROOVE JOINT ) Confirmation No.: 2196  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 30, 2007, received in the above application, in which the Examiner addresses the Amendment filed July 13, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.